









## Black Sea Fleet Belongs to Russia, Yeltsin Declares

By Celestine Bohlen

*New York Times Service*  
MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin flatly declared Thursday that the Black Sea Fleet belonged to Russia, not Ukraine, adding a new twist to the dispute between the two major partners in the Commonwealth of Independent States over one of the most valuable assets of the decomposing Soviet military.

Mr. Yeltsin's assertion, made during a stopover in Ulyanovsk, Lenin's birthplace, underscored Russian sensitivity about the legendary fleet, which formed the core of the Russian Imperial Navy beginning in the 18th century.

President Leonid M. Kravchuk of Ukraine appeared to defuse the conflict temporarily by postponing for six months his demand that the armada pledge allegiance to Ukraine. The Associated Press reported, citing Tass and Russian television. But Mr. Kravchuk, speaking Thursday to Ukrainian officers in Kiev, insisted that the fleet eventually should belong to Ukraine.

[He said Ukraine would let the fleet remain under Commonwealth control as long as the ships carried nuclear weapons. But all nuclear weapons are scheduled to be removed from the ships by July, when the armada must switch allegiance to Ukraine, Mr. Kravchuk said, according to Tass.]

On Wednesday, Mr. Yeltsin told another audience that "the Black Sea Fleet cannot belong to any one republic," that it is the "indivisible" property of the Commonwealth, the loose grouping of sovereign states that has taken the place of the old Soviet Union.

"It has to be subordinate to the joint command," said Mr. Yeltsin in Saratov, a city on the Volga River.

But on Thursday, the Russian president was emphatic on Russia's historic claim.

"The Black Sea Fleet was, and will be Russia's," he told a gathering of workers at an Ulyanovsk airplane factory, where he was greeted with applause.

Tass also reported that Mr. Yel-

sin had sent a message to the commander in chief of the Black Sea Fleet, Admiral Vladimir Chernomyr, saying that the fleet's commanders were under the protection of the Russian president, and urging them not to swear allegiance to Ukraine.

Last month, the members of the Commonwealth agreed in Minsk that the strategic forces of the former Soviet Union would come under joint Commonwealth command.

But Mr. Kravchuk has argued that the agreement does not cover the Black Sea Fleet — which consists of 45 surface vessels, 28 submarines, more than 300 small and medium-sized vessels, 151 airplanes and 85 helicopters — because it does not carry strategic nuclear weapons.

Russian and military officials argue that the Black Sea Fleet is strategic by virtue of its critical position, near the straits linking the Black Sea to the Mediterranean, and eventually the Atlantic Ocean.

In another challenge to the Commonwealth's authority, Mr. Kravchuk has set Jan. 20 as the deadline for officers and soldiers serving in Ukraine, including sailors, to take an oath pledging loyalty to the Ukrainian people. This, Russian officials have argued, runs counter to the spirit of the Commonwealth, which presumes twin loyalties on the part of Commonwealth forces to both the Commonwealth and the republic in which the soldiers serve.

Continuing his barnstorming tour in Nizhny Novgorod, the city formerly known as Gorky, Mr. Yeltsin said Thursday that Russia would be the last of the former Soviet republics to create its own army, and then only if it had to.

But the arguments over oaths and the status of the fleet have exposed a fundamental crack in the Commonwealth accord. While Russia tries to claim to be the inheritor state of the former Soviet Union, Ukraine is trying to assert equal rights with Russia. As a political commentator here said recently, the two claims are not only incompatible, but equally unrealistic.



ANGER IN BULGARIA — Pensioners demonstrating outside the Council of Ministers building in Sofia to protest the worsening economic situation and lack of supplies since the Communists' fall.

## Volga Germans: Going Home?

Bonn Wants Autonomous Republic Restored in Russia

By John Tagliabue

*New York Times Service*

BERLIN — A Russian-German commission will meet in Moscow later this month to discuss the possible restoration of an autonomous republic for about 2 million ethnic Germans residing in the former Soviet Union, German officials say.

The meeting was arranged after Bonn demanded that restoration of the republic in the "traditional settlement regions of the Germans" be "brought forward at an accelerated pace." Germany is pressing the issue, apparently in an effort to forestall migration of the ethnic Germans to Germany.

A strongly worded statement called on President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia to honor a pledge he gave Chancellor Helmut Kohl during a visit to Bonn earlier in December to lay down the autonomous republic's boundaries by presidential decree. The statement was issued late last month after meetings in Bonn of German officials and representatives of the so-called Volga Germans.

These developments, details of which were described by German officials in recent days, are unfolding as Germany debates its foreign policy options toward the republics of the former Soviet Union. The events press Mr. Yeltsin at a time of deep economic troubles, and they threaten to revive anti-German feeling in Russia.

In the Soviet Union, the 1989 census counted roughly 2 million people who claimed German nationality. Under German law, they have an automatic right to citizenship, although less than half master the German language.

The idea in Bonn is that restoration of the old Volga republic with guaranteed rights for Germans will deter many of these ethnic Germans from migrating to Germany. The government's concern is rooted in the case of ethnic Germans from the Transylvania region of Romania, most of whom have fled to Germany since the collapse of communism there two years ago.

The German statement was issued by the Interior Ministry official responsible for the Volga Germans, Horst Walfenschmidt, and by Heinrich Groth, chairman of a Moscow-based organization that represents them. It pledges economic aid to rebuild German villages and small businesses to restore traditional German services. Such initiatives, it says, will serve "not only the Germans, but also their non-German neighbors."

The ethnic Germans are descended from German colonists who settled the banks of the Volga near the city of Saratov in the 1760s. An autonomous Volga republic was set up within Russia in 1924 in which more than half the population was German. Stalin abolished the republic by decree in 1941 after Hitler invaded the Soviet Union, and roughly 400,000 of the German inhabitants were deported to remote parts of the country.

A Foreign Ministry official in Bonn said agreement to restore the republic was anchored in a treaty of cooperation signed last year by Moscow and Bonn, although he conceded that problems existed over the boundaries.

While the Volga Germans want their old territories back, Mr. Yeltsin is encountering stiff resistance among the Russians who were transplanted there after the deportation of the Germans.

The developments represent a departure from a repatriation policy that has seen hundreds of thousands of ethnic Germans migrate to Germany from Eastern Europe in recent years, although German officials cite passages of the government statement assuring that Germans who wish to return to Germany will be permitted to do so.

Bonn has appropriated the equivalent of \$130 million for 1991 and 1992 to help the Germans by establishing hospitals and schools and funding small businesses in regions they now inhabit, mainly in northern Kazakhstan. Mr. Kohl has pledged far larger amounts if Mr. Yeltsin comes through.

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Diligent investigations by the USA, the UK and France have shown that the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie and the destruction of UTA 772 over Africa are the unconscionable acts of Mu'ammarr Gaddafi the Libyan dictator, and the result of his state-sponsored terrorism.

Gaddafi is responsible for all terrorism originating from Libya. As absolute ruler, he has channelled the country's resources into these malicious acts. As long as Gaddafi remains in power, his regime will continue to be the world's main sponsor of terrorism.

The Libyan people commiserate with the families affected by Gaddafi's hideous acts of terrorism. We know too well the suffering and pain that he has caused them. The Libyan people have been his victims for over 22 years. Gaddafi's criminal regime has carried out routine murders, torture and human rights violations in Libya. We have lost thousands of innocent Libyans under his tyranny, just as the world community has suffered from his state-sponsored terrorism and support of organisations like the IRA and the Abu Nidal group.

Gaddafi's tyranny led us to organise ourselves into the National Front for the Salvation of Libya (NFSL) more than ten years ago. This movement was formed to encourage and unite all Libyan national forces opposed to the Gaddafi regime. The NFSL is determined to overthrow Gaddafi, dismantle his regime and restore freedom, democracy and the rule of law to Libya.

December 24, 1991 marked the fortieth anniversary of Libya's independence. The peaceful transition to indepen-

dence was hailed as a model for other nations emerging from colonialism. The role of the world community, specifically the United Nations, was critical in achieving this early success. Adrian Pelt headed a U.N. Advisory Committee which was involved in every step to lay the foundation of Libya as a modern democratic state participating peacefully within the world community.

Libya's democratic experiment was aborted by Gaddafi's military coup in 1969. Prior to the coup, Libya

enjoyed good relations with its neighbours and the world at large. Under Gaddafi the Libyan people have lost their freedom and their dignity. The NFSL is committed to returning Libya to its original course as mandated by the United Nations. It is our objective that Libya will soon resume its constructive role within the world community, and once again establish a reputation as a model of peace, development, stability and progress.

We, the Libyan people, forty years after the U.N. mandated

independence, find ourselves once again appealing to the world community to support us to put an end to Gaddafi's rule, and restore freedom and democracy in Libya. We ask the United Nations and the world community to take direct action in opposing Gaddafi's regime. We in the National Front for the Salvation of Libya pledge to continue our struggle until Libya and its people are free once again.

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## Ex-Soviet Republics Put on Hold by EC

By Charles Goldsmith

*International Herald Tribune*

BRUSSELS — The European Community's top foreign affairs official on Thursday ruled out early talks with any of the former Soviet republics leading to advanced "association" agreements of the type finalized last month with Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The preamble of those accords referred to eventual Community membership. The official, Frans Andriessen, the EC external relations commissioner, also said that the depth of future ties with the republics might hinge on whether those states are in Europe or Asia.

EC foreign ministers will discuss relations with the former Soviet republics in Brussels on Friday. The German foreign minister, Hans Dietrich Genscher, has called several times for ties with all the republics.

Speaking at a news conference after returning from talks in Washington, Mr. Andriessen said there could not be a "uniform model" for determining which republics might qualify for closer ties with the Community, but he maintained that "we would need different ob-

jections for European countries than for Asian countries."

He also said the Community had to decide whether to adopt a "different pattern of relations with republics that are part of the European Continent and those which are not."

The notional border between Europe and Asia is generally seen as running through the Ural Mountains to the Black and Caspian seas.

Mr. Andriessen acknowledged that Russia, the largest and most populous republic, presented a singular situation because it is a huge "conglomerate" that straddles Europe and Asia.

The Commission, which negotiates foreign trade agreements on behalf of the Community, has wrestled with the sensitive issue of ties to East Europe since the Berlin Wall fell more than two years ago. The remarks of Mr. Andriessen marked the first time that the Commission has publicly suggested drawing a demarcation line at the Europe-Asia border.

Factors for closer EC ties include movement toward a market economy, putting democratic principles into force and respect for rights.

## Socialist Shake-Up Puts Rocard in Lead for '95

By Alan Riding

*New York Times Service*

PARIS — Just eight months after Michel Rocard lost his job as France's prime minister, a shake-up in the governing Socialist Party has turned him into the front-runner in the race for the party's nomination to succeed President François Mitterrand in 1995.

Mr. Rocard was not directly involved in the change in party leadership that took place on Thursday when Laurent Fabius, the president of the National Assembly, was elected unopposed to succeed Pierre Mauroy as the party's powerful first secretary.

But in exchange for backing Mr. Fabius, Mr. Rocard appears to have rallied key party sectors behind his presidential aspirations.

On Tuesday, Mr. Mauroy described Mr. Rocard as the party's "virtual candidate."

On Thursday, Mr. Fabius said that Mr. Rocard "carries our hopes and those of many French people."

Political experts said that, although the succession race is far from over, the revival of Mr. Rocard's fortunes reflects the pres-

ident's loss of influence over fellow Socialists as leading party barons prepare for what is increasingly referred to as the post-Mitterrand order.

Although Mr. Rocard served as prime minister for three years, he has been Mr. Mitterrand's principal Socialist rival since 1971. When he was replaced as prime minister by Edith Cresson in May, it was seen as a move by the president to prevent Mr. Rocard, 61, from emerging as his natural successor.

In recent months, Mr. Mitterrand has hinted that he believes the best Socialist candidate in 1995 would be Jacques Delors, who heads the European Community's Executive Commission in Brussels. Mr. Delors has indicated interest in returning to French politics.

Some experts say they believe that Mr. Delors's rising star was an important element in forging the new alliance between Mr. Fabius and Mr. Rocard, who until recently headed competing factions within the Socialist Party. The third main faction is led by Lionel Jospin, the education minister.

## Magazine Says Maxwell Was Beaten

*The Associated Press*

PARIS — A French magazine said Thursday that photographs taken during an autopsy on Robert Maxwell suggested the publisher was beaten before his mysterious death at sea two months ago.

The weekly Paris Match published several pictures of Mr. Maxwell's body that it said showed bruises that cast doubt on a Spanish autopsy's conclusion that the publisher fell from his yacht and died of natural causes Nov. 5. The magazine said the photos were made during another autopsy in Israel just before the publisher was buried in Jerusalem.

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A Special Case of the Flu

"Nothing extraordinary has occurred." Marlin Fitzwater told reporters after President George Bush collapsed in his chair at a state dinner in Tokyo. In one sense he was right: Millions of people suffer from the flu that apparently felled Mr. Bush. But in another sense Mr. Fitzwater had it wrong: When presidents get sick, however ordinary the illness, the world experiences far-from-ordinary intimations of mortality.

Advice for Israel's Patron

The Middle East peace talks are still being conducted on a level of political skirmishing in which, for the time being, the principal focus is on the uneasy relationship between Israel and its patron, the United States. Consider Israel's recent decision to announce new Jewish settlements in the West Bank and to counter fresh acts of Palestinian terrorism by expelling a dozen Palestinians.

Easing the Republics' Task

The republics of the former Soviet Union are struggling to turn decrepit communism into vibrant capitalism. Even if successful, the transition will be traumatic. Ossified factories will close, throwing millions out of work; controls will be lifted, sending prices soaring. The entire fabric of society will have to be created anew.

Again the Spending Issue

The spending issue is about to return to national politics in the United States. For a while last year and the year before, it was largely set aside. With so little money to spend, there was a shortage of big spenders to denounce — and recessions are not congenial times for such denunciations anyway.

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For Bush, One More Stumble

By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON — The flu bug that dumped President George Bush under the dinner table in Tokyo was the final indignity on a trip to Asia that will be remembered in the White House as The Trip From Hell.

Instead of a Tokyo image of a tougher, firmer America muscling Japan into job-producing concessions that Mr. Bush could use politically at home, the world's television screens were filled with the imagery of an unhealthy American leader flat on his back at the feet of a Japanese prime minister.

Democracy Needs Help in the Flip-Flop Republics

By David K. Shipler

CHEVY CHASE, Maryland — A sad comedy of role reversals is being played out in Georgia, illustrating how difficult it is going to be to create working democracies in the former Soviet republics, especially with leaders whose pasts give rise to the question of whether they will turn out to be liberators or tyrants.

institutions of democracy to defend against the whims of individuals who gain power. Elections alone obviously do not make democracy. I first met Mr. Gamsakhurdia in Moscow in 1975. Unlike most other dissidents, he had no sense of humor about himself or his country.

A Do-It-Yourself Mideast Peace Process Won't Do

By Gideon Rafael

JERUSALEM — Last year was a year of fission in the East, fusion in the West and confusion in many parts of the world. The Middle East, a source of growing anxiety because of the spread of aggressive conventional weapons, was among the after-effects of Saddam Hussein's aggression, the gathering storm clouds of Islamic fundamentalism and hope for a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Middle East and for world peace to leave the negotiations in limbo, observed by Washington's policymakers with a keen eye of studied reserve. The multilateral Middle East conference set to open in Moscow late this month is likely to set in motion a meaningful negotiation process.

OPINION



They Worry About Some Bad Habits

By Flora Lewis

KONIGSWINTER, Germany — President George Bush's tycoon-studded foray to Japan has dramatized for much of the world what worries it most about America — not that it is a puffed-up superpower, but that it is going to burst.

The occasion was a meeting of the Inter-Action Council, an elite club of former heads of government and their "high-level guests" from around the world, led by Helmut Schmidt, the former German chancellor.

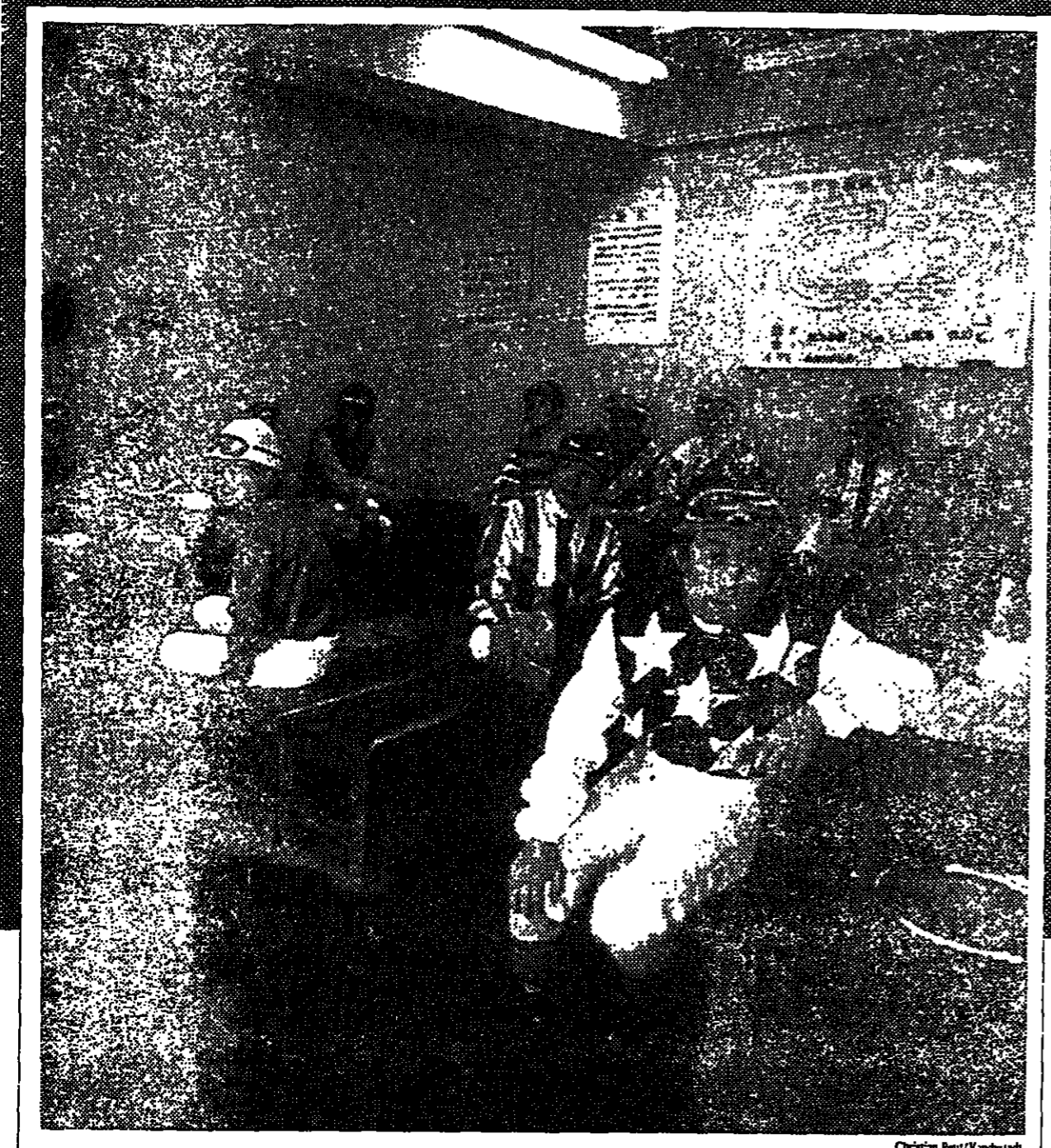
He and others ridiculed the message the American delegation was taking to Japan, that "you consume too little, work too hard, save too much." It is exactly the formula of what America has failed to do for a decade, and the reason it could be leading everybody to a big crash.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: After the Khedive CAIRO — The death of the Khedive (Jan. 7) was caused by want of medical skill: The rapid issue was hastened by diabetes and the use of morphine. The political situation appears calm, but complication is apprehended. The Sultan will facilitate the devolution of the powers of the late Khedive on Prince Abbas. Many distrust the probable influence of England on the young Prince, and consider that some impartial adviser, not an Englishman, should be placed near him.

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Jockeys wait for the next race at Fuchu racetrack, north of Tokyo. Japan's tracks have been successfully appealing to affluent younger people to play the horses, overcoming the sport's lowbrow stigma. "Horse racing has become popular because it's imported from Europe," says one observer.

## Upmarket Racing in Japan Arty Advertising Revises Track's Raffish Image

By Andrew Ranard

**T**OKYO — You could call it a triumph of the media: a metamorphosis of beastliness into beauty. Horse racing, a sport long blemished by Japan by its associations with raffish, has joined the list of trendy leisure activities. The underlying impetus is the nation's affluence, and the need, especially among the under-30 generation, for ways to spend free time and money in a society where leisure, because of crowding, is problematic. The nation's racetracks have stepped into this vacuum and overcome the lowbrow stigma through a media blitz in the last year and a half. Photos on trains have captured the grace of horses with what has become the favored approach in advertising: indirect appeal to the emotions rather than the hard sell or reasoned argument. Image (or *image* as they say here) is all. The small logo in the corner identifies the sponsor. In this case, Tokyo City Kaiba (Oi Racecourse).

Japan's sports papers, the men's weeklies and some of the women's now carry the obligatory articles on the track. Mild-mannered college kids in coffee shops, who in the '60s would have been reading Sartre, now bury their heads in the racing form.

Kiyoshi Isaka, translator of Tom Clancy's novels and an observer of contemporary Japanese manners, adds another factor. "The consciousness or desire to gamble in Japan is not strong," he says. "Horse racing has become popular because it's imported from Europe, the advanced countries. If it came from China or Southeast Asia it would not be popular. In Europe high society has always attended the races. The racetrack became a kind of salon or social meeting. That's what the Japanese are looking for in horse racing. Horse riding, on the other hand, has always attracted upper-middle-class people or aristocrats in Japan. For example, in many universities there are horse-riding clubs, but the universities are those which the sons and daughters of the rich attend."

At Oi Racecourse, Japanese women in British riding habit, mounted on show horses, lead thoroughbreds onto the track. But the racing scene still has its throwbacks — the urban loafers who have been supporting the industry all these years. At Oi, open during the day while salarymen are filling their sales quotas, you find Tokyo's unemployed staking their lives on 50-1 shots. There are more mustaches and beards per square foot here than anywhere else in the city. Many of Oi's daytime enthusiasts live in Saitama, Tokyo's "Low City," whose denizens have the dubious honor of being sentimentalized by post-mod Tokyoites.

Among fans, the mood is grim and professional at Oi, but if you're a foreigner it may be your track. This because the racing form — published only in Japanese — is a recondite read. At Oi this problem is solved by *yasoya*, the 30 or so professional touts in yellow jackets who work booths on the track grounds. For 100 yen (less than a dollar) they offer three quinnella tips (first and second) per race, then list their picks after each race so you can compare their records. The *yasoya* move small magnetized horses on blackboards, chalked up with diagrams of races, as they give their spels, hammering it up like stage comedians to their deadly serious audiences.

At Fuchu, north of Tokyo, the track is different. "Very different," said a staff member, a young woman, as she offered a view from the fifth-level balcony of the clubhouse looking out over a large grass track toward the shimmering Tama Hills. Two large video screens televised the races from the infield, where there was also a playground and flower maze for children. It was Saturday — and the track is open only on the weekends — and it

was filled with young salaried workers, also some *oyaji-gals*.

The *oyaji-gal* ("the girl who acts like an older man") is Japan's version of the liberated woman; she has moved in on men's traditional forms of pleasure — golf, *karaoke* singing in bars, and now the races. She too is a media invention — in this case the comics — and though some Japanese, especially men, insist she is not real, she does exist. She is the target of Oi's arty ads — not for its weekday races, but the weekend "twinkles races" during the summer. Both Oi and Fuchu offer women special classes in the art and science of equestrian gambling.

Fuchu is where the Japan Cup, the nation's major international race, is held. At the 11th running of the race, Nov. 24, two-thirds of the fans were under 30, and among them I noticed some ambivalence. Dress up or dress down? The miniskirt and "long boot" made an appearance, but the overwhelming style was *amekaji* ("American casual"). Jeans, sneakers, pumms.

At Fuchu the *yasoya* are consigned to outside the track, where they sell the day's picks for a lump sum. Fuchu is a more accurate reflection of contemporary Japan: Westernized, modish, high tech. Bettors mark picks on gambling cards that look like sheets for computer-scored exams. You bet through a teller, but if you win you're paid off by machine.

"In Hong Kong it's more advanced," said a Chinese newscaster. "Open your account, plug in your modem, bam!"

"You bet from home?"

"Sure."

"They're thinking about starting that here," said a local writer.

"Thinking about it here," said the Chinese newscaster. "Already got it in Hong Kong."

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## THE MOVIE GUIDE

### Zozembo

Directed by Fumiki Watanabe. Japan, Shochoiku.

The director of last year's "Homemade Movie" continues the saga of a tutor's life in the provincial capital of Fukushima. As usual, Watanabe uses his family (the murderous father in the picture is his real father) and friends, and takes his stories from what really happened. The title means "tumor" and refers to that of a child who killed himself. Or did he? As the evidence accumulates it looks more and more like he was forced to hang himself, and then as though he were strangled. Child of a tangled and incestuous union, this boy's life might be considered emblematic of all that is dark and hidden in contemporary Japan. And when Watanabe actually exhumes the body, the scene becomes a startling metaphor for amnesiac Japan forced to remember its own problematic past. Such is plainly the allegorical intention. Even more explicit scenes were reported out by nervous producers, who now have no plans to release the picture themselves. This is too bad. Watanabe, a one-man maverick film industry, has made his strongest film. His story of concealment and suspicion is told through the most elliptical of means. Just as nothing is straightforward in the story, so nothing is in its presentation. But to complain of a confused narrative is to miss the point. It is only through such a devious means that a devious situation is brought to light. At the end it

is all absolutely clear — and absolutely appalling. (Donald Richie, IHT)

### Rush

Directed by Lili Fini Zanuck. U.S., MGM.

"Rush," based on a loosely autobiographical novel by Kim Wozencraft, a former undercover narc, takes place in 1975. But its mood of dreary resignation and moral ambiguity seems contemporary: it's a drug movie for the backwash of the drug era, when the euphoria has turned glum and nightmarish. The film's makers have the conviction to show how boring the

In "Rush," Jennifer Jason Leigh plays a rookie narc recruited for busts in a small Texas town.

addict's life is. In the process, they may have dampened down too much of their material. Kristen Cates (Jennifer Jason Leigh) is a rookie narc recruited by Jim Raynor (Jason Patric) to be his partner in a series of busts in a small Texas town. Prodded by a corrupt police chief, they end up falsifying evidence. En route, both get hooked. "Rush" isn't on a level with the best films about drugs because it never fully brings its

people to life. The real saint of the piece is a two-bit pusher named Walker. Max Perlich has the right, free-form intuitions to play this role, and Walker's descent is the most moving thing in the film. If we had responded to Kristen and Jim with the same fierce exactness as we do to Walker, this film might have shaken us to the core. But for the most part the film stands outside its horrors. (Peter Rainer, LAT)

## New Life in Venice's Old Opera

At 200, La Fenice Upholds City's Long Record of Public Performance

By Roderick Conway Morris

**V**ENICE — The foyer of the Teatro La Fenice on the opening night of Verdi's "Don Carlo," the first performance of the opera house's bi-centennial season, would have gladdened the heart of even the most morose Siberian fur trapper.

Nor was the old-world, and agreeably un-snooty, urbanity of the occasion interrupted by the kind of pre-show act staged at La Scala in Milan the week before, in which animal-rights protesters bared their breasts with cries of "Better naked than in furs!" Nonetheless, as the Fenice pelts were set aside, almost as revealing, became conventional, displays of daring, became apparent — though for total effect no one quite compared with Dame Joan Sutherland, summing in a plum-colored décolleté gown. In retirement but every inch the diva, she had returned as a spectator to the theater where she made her Italian debut.

The first public performance of opera took place in Venice in 1637, and the last of its numerous opera houses, the Gran Teatro La Fenice (the Phoenix), was inaugurated in May 1792. The Fenice marks the architectural and decorative culmination of Venice's exuberant theatrical tradition, and its sumptuously carved, stuccoed, painted and gilded interior still has the power to amaze the most blasé theatergoer.

The Fenice's architect, Gianantonio Selva, was selected by competition, and had to address some specific requirements, such as the provision of ample space for serving coffee "and other comestibles," and a 20-foot-long (6 meter) landing stage for gondolas (which are 32 feet long). Playful touches, like a mock lighthouse on the side of the building where three canals meet, were Selva's own. Since Venice was a republic no royal box was envisaged, but one was created in 1808 for Napoleon. The Fenice burned down in 1836 (the newly fitted Austrian stove held responsible was about the only thing left intact), yet the theater lived up to its name, rising from the ashes in almost identical form within six months.

The Fenice's 900-seat auditorium is the smallest of the world's metropolitan opera houses. "It's the ideal size," said John Fisher, the Fenice's artistic director, "which, combined with a near-perfect acoustic, make it superb for staging everything from Mozart, which is not really suitable for larger spaces, to 19th-century grand opera and modern works."

The engagement two years ago of Fisher, a

41-year-old Scotsman from Glasgow, was a remarkable event — a foreign *direttore artistico* of a major Italian theater being even rarer than a non-Italian pope. And, given the intensive harsenading and party political carve-ups that often go with such posts, it says a lot for Fisher's musical credentials that he got the job. (A recent Italian magazine survey of top artistic posts, listing party affiliations in brackets after each name, was reduced to designating him as "Ing." — for "English".)

**W**ITH virtually nothing planned when he took over, Fisher has put together an ample and varied bicentennial program. Four of the works — Verdi's "Rigoletto" and "La Traviata," Rossini's "Semiramide" and Britten's "The Turn of the Screw" — had their premieres at the Fenice. Another, Rossini's "L'Italiana in Algeri," also was first performed in Venice, but at another theater. Other productions will include Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor," Puccini's "Turandot" and Berg's "Wozzeck."

"The older generation of Venetian opera-goers," Fisher said, "were brought up on a diet of modern operas as well as classics, and the Fenice has a long tradition of introducing new works." He hopes that the theater will soon be able to commission new operas as it did in the past. The Fenice is also attractive in terms of price, thanks in part to state subsidies that amount this year to 37

## HEAR THIS

■ So you've been feeling guilty about using an aerosol spray can to shoot rose and lilac scents into your living room, but you love the atmosphere? A solution is at hand. Nancy L. Ross of The Washington Post tells us that a New York artist, Thomas Hucker, has come up with furniture that smells nice, that's right, the stuff wears perfume. Apparently Hucker started out trying to mask the odor of synthetic materials and took this one giant leap forward. One of the methods, Ross tells us, is brushing a special "paint" on undersurfaces. This lasts about three months, after which the substance can be reapplied. Hucker's work is being shown at the Peter Joseph Gallery on Fifth Avenue. Just hope the coffee table doesn't spray samples at you.



A bassoonist warms up before a performance at La Fenice.

billion lire (about \$32 million). The best seats cost the equivalent of \$60 to \$80; the cheaper ones \$20 to \$35 (even the latter afford good sound and a reasonable view).

During the 1980s the Fenice orchestra and chorus gained something of a reputation for unevenness, although on the first night of "Don Carlo" the orchestra put in a spirited and committed performance under the baton of the energetic Israeli conductor Daniel Oren.

Italian theaters have also had a poor record for labor troubles. "Some colleagues elsewhere," said Fisher, "seem to think it must be terrible working in Italy." But, he said, although Italians tend to be more vocal about their grievances, the reality was no more problematic than running an opera house in any other country. And, indeed, since Fisher came to the Fenice no performances have been lost because of labor disputes.

Next month the Fenice looks West for the Carnival season with a series of "Homage to Gershwin" concerts. Future projects include a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers" — for which technical, and possibly even musical, advice from those playing their trade in the canals around the theater will certainly not be lacking.

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# New 'Classics' on Record Shelf

By Jonathan Yardley  
*Washington Post Service*

**WASHINGTON** — Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of recession stays S. Clams from the swift completion of his appointed rounds, which is why he somehow managed to stagger down our chimney a few evenings ago and leave, beneath our tree, exactly what I wanted: a recording of the score of that grand old musical comedy "Guys and Dolls," performed by members of the original cast and now available, after all these years, on compact disc.



"Broadway Gold": That's what the people at MCA Records call "Guys and Dolls" and the several other shows it has released on CD in their original-cast recordings.

Not only "Guys and Dolls" but also "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oklahoma!," "The King and I" and all the rest of them are the "classics" as MCA calls them, of a period in Broadway history that now seems approximately as distant as bell-bottom trousers colored navy blue.

loving it is one thing and accepting it at face value is quite another.

Over the years the Broadway musical has made innumerable contributions to American life, the most significant of these unquestionably being a body of popular songs unmatched for quality and durability by those of any other time or place. But the Broadway musical is not, as the curators and musicologists and CD manufacturers would have us believe, the latter-day "Ring des Nibelungen."

The Broadway stage may have "classics" aplenty, but it's a long way from "classical" to "classical."

Broadway isn't art, it's show biz, and nowhere is that more clearly understood than on Broadway. When Robert Alda and Vivian Blaine and Sam Levene and Stubby Kaye and others got together one day in 1951 to record "A Bushel and a Peck" and "Sue Me" and the other songs of "Guys and Dolls," none of them thought a work of art would be the end result. This was a musical, nothing more or less, and they recorded it with sass and bite.

## THE ARTS GUIDE

### AUSTRIA

**Linz**  
Neue Galerie der Stadt (tel: 2393.3600). To Jan. 26: Hyper-realistic sculptures mirroring Americans in their everyday life by Duane Hanson.

**Vienna**  
Kunsthistorisches Museum (tel: 531.24.44.57). To Feb. 2: 120 Japanese woodcuts by such masters of the art as Utamaro, Hiroshige and Hokusai.

### GERMANY

**Berlin**  
Käthe Kollwitz Museum (tel: 862.52.10). To Jan. 31: 100 drawings and watercolors by Egon Schiele.

**Bonn**  
Rheinisches Landesmuseum (tel: 72.84.1). To Jan. 18: Sculptures and drawings by Werner Stotzer, a leading contemporary artist from former East Germany.

### ITALY

**Florence**  
Palazzo Strozzi. To March 8: Large-scale figurative paintings by artists such as Francis Bacon, Leon Kossoff, Lucian Freud and Frank Auerbach.

### NETHERLANDS

**Amsterdam**  
Rijksmuseum (tel: 673.21.21). To March 1: First international exhibition of Rembrandt's work, includes 46 major paintings, drawings (shown until Jan. 15), etchings and 31 works by his pupils.

### BRITAIN

**London**  
Design Museum (tel: 403.6933). To Feb. 2: "Metropolis: Tokyo Design Vision." The role of design in culture, industry and everyday life of Japan since the 1950s.

### FRANCE

**Paris**  
Centre Georges Pompidou (tel: 42.77.12.33). To Jan. 27: Retrospective of works by Max Ernst in celebration of the centenary of his birth, includes over 250 paintings, sculptures, drawings and collages exhibited in chronological order.

### CANADA

**Ottawa**  
National Gallery of Canada (tel: 990.1965). To Feb. 2: "Strengthening the Spirit: Works by Native Artists."

### CZECHOSLOVAKIA

**Prague**  
Městská knihovna (tel: 23.22.577). To Feb. 9: Paintings and drawings trace the evolution of the Czech artist Otakar Slavik.

### HONG KONG

**Hong Kong**  
Arts Festival (tel: 802.0555). Celebrating its 20th anniversary, this year's festival (Jan. 11 through Feb. 2) features, among others, performances by Musica Antiqua Köln (Jan. 12, 13 and 14), Les Ballets de Monte Carlo (Jan. 15 through 19) and the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (Jan. 11, 31 and Feb. 1).



Man Ray, "Self-Portrait as Fashion Photographer," 1936.

Photos by Man Ray exhibited in Hong Kong. Far left, detail from "Self-Portrait as Fashion Photographer," 1936.

# Taxis: Avoid Being Taken for a Ride

By Roger Collis  
*International Herald Tribune*

**HUGH THOMAS**, the British historian and author of "The Spanish Civil War," once said that fascist parties are composed primarily of waiters and taxi drivers: "the middle classes at their worst." I think this may be going a bit too far. Let us just say they are both sedulous practitioners of the old admonition never to give a sucker an even break.

when many Paris taxi drivers were exiled White Russian grand dukes. That was a period of elaborate courtesy. I once had a ride from Le Bourget for a septuagenarian "descendant" of Czar Nicholas. He ripped me off with immense courtesy by suggesting a Russian eatery that he just happened to know on the Left Bank. (I had to go to the bank next morning.)

## DO'S AND DON'TS

**Credibility**  
Do establish your credibility. Impress the cabbie with your local knowledge, however spurious. Get a street map and acquaint yourself with landmarks, routes and distances. So if the cabbie gives you a choice of bridge arriving from JFK, ask what the traffic is like in the tunnel.

**Advice**  
Don't rely on guidebooks for taxi fare (and law). Ask a friend, colleague or friendly flight attendant how long it takes and how much it costs by taxi, bus or train from the airport to a downtown address and how much to tip. Check on official rates for certain journeys, such as from city center to the airport.

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WALL STREET WATCH

New Fingers Are Pointed At the Program Traders

By Floyd Norris
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — The Securities and Exchange Commission, in a preliminary report, has concluded that varieties of program trading played a large role in the abrupt decline of the stock market on Nov. 15, when the Dow Jones industrial average fell 120 points.

The SEC concluded the strategy played a large role in the 120-point market fall on Nov. 15.

It also emphasized the role played by the expiration of stock-index futures and options on Nov. 15, and seemed likely to renew moves for changes in the way such expirations are handled.

The report was released Wednesday by Representative Edward J. Markey, the Massachusetts Democrat who is chairman of the telecommunications and finance subcommittee.

William H. Heyman, director of the SEC's division of market regulation, said of the report, "It's very difficult to determine what kicked it off. That does not really emerge from a mere audit trail of transactions."

In the report, written by Mr. Heyman, the SEC said, "It appears likely that the market decline on Nov. 15, 1987, had more to do with institutional investment outlooks, concerns over protecting year-to-date market gains and intermarket dynamics than any single 'triggering' news event."

THE PRINCIPAL new evidence concerned the activity of unidentified Wall Street firms, which had written options to protect institutional investors against sharp declines in the values of their stock portfolios.

Japan Concessions May Aid U.S. Rivals

By Steven Brill
International Herald Tribune
TOKYO — The package of weak concessions that President George Bush exacted from Tokyo to aid the U.S. economy will likely benefit European, Asian and Japanese companies as much or more than American concerns, economists said Thursday.

The U.S. initiative will fundamentally contribute to expansion of imports in general.

Siegfried Richter, president, BMW Japan.
global trade talks, and a separate statement pledging the two partners to promote strong economic growth, economists say.

U.S. Jobless Rate: Just Tip of Iceberg?

By Louis Uchitelle
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — The unemployment rate in the United States is officially 6.8 percent. But economists are now saying that this figure considerably underestimates the real number.

They warn that the current unemployment figure, influential in gauging U.S. economic health and determining what policies should be adopted to improve it, provides a false sense of the economy's strength and its potential for rebounding.

The problem: changes in the work force over the last 15 years, which are not accounted for in calculating the rate.

Wholesale Prices Decline

International Herald Tribune
NEW YORK — Wholesale prices actually dropped during 1991 for the first time in five years, the Commerce Department reported Thursday, indicating that the recession put a lid on inflation.

December's drop was led by declines in food and energy prices, especially gasoline and home heating oil, which reflected the slump in world crude oil market.

The index for the year fell 2.3 percent, compared with a jump of 5.7 percent in 1990, when rising oil prices spurred inflation.

Meanwhile, the government also reported Thursday a rise of 22,000 in the number of first-time claims for unemployment insurance during the week ending Dec. 23, raising the figure to 458,000.

Israel Buys 2 British Supercomputers

By John Markoff
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — After failing in its effort to buy an American supercomputer because of stiff U.S. export controls, Israel's leading scientific university has purchased two supercomputers from a British manufacturer.

The machines are at the lower end of the supercomputer speed scale, but the deal marks the first time that such machines have been sold for export without the tight restrictions on their use that the United States and Japan require for supercomputers.

The computers, which together cost \$1.2 million and are made by Meiko Scientific Ltd. of Bristol, England, arrived in Israel last month and were installed at the Technion in Haifa.

University officials said the machines would be used for development of advanced parallel computing software and hardware and for scientific research and teaching on the Technion campus.

"Parallel" is a computing term for the use of multiple microprocessors to simultaneously work on portions of a single task.

In the past, all supercomputer sales have been made by either the United States or Japan. Under a little-publicized agreement, the two countries have curbed the sale of such high-performance machines to countries that — like Israel — have not signed the nuclear nonproliferation treaty.

France to Press For Tough EC Stance in GATT

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
BRUSSELS — France is expected to press this weekend for a tough European Community position on farm subsidies at a key round of world trade talks next week.

But the Netherlands, Britain and Germany are likely to oppose any attempt to bind the hands of EC negotiators ahead of Monday's talks in Geneva under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, they added.

"The French want to tie up the Commission so they cannot go beyond a certain point," said one EC diplomat.

But a Dutch diplomat urged that the Commission be given a flexible negotiating position.

EC farm and trade ministers are due to meet Friday and Saturday to spell out to the Commission their objections to farm-trade reforms proposed last month by the GATT director-general, Arthur Dunkel.

The Community rejected Mr. Dunkel's farm plans at first sight in December, and officials said further study by agriculture and trade ministers over the holiday break had confirmed stiff opposition among member states.

The Community says the Dunkel paper calls into question the foundation of its Common Agricultural Policy of farm support and would demand unfair concessions from European farmers.

Ministers also object to curbs on proposed new compensation payments for EC farmers and to constraints on export volumes.

They also fear for the future of the Community's so-called "rebalancing" proposals to curb imports of cereals substitutes, which are currently allowed into the Community tariff-free and come mainly from the United States.

But diplomats said no EC member wanted to be seen to block the five-year Uruguay Round of world trade talks, which was supposed to have ended in December 1990 but collapsed due to deep disagreements between the Community and the United States over the pace and scale of cuts in agricultural subsidies.

Monday's talks, rather than being a make-or-buy session as originally billed, are now expected to mark the start of another two to three months of negotiations.

U.S. officials said in Congressional testimony Thursday that a framework now existed for success in the GATT talks but some negotiation still lay ahead.

"The United States will not rush to sign an agreement just to meet a deadline," said Julius L. Katz, the deputy U.S. Trade representative and one of the top negotiators.

"Indeed, we will not sign any agreement unless the package meets our standards of substantial overall benefits to the United States," he said.

Mr. Katz said that Mr. Dunkel would try to get an accord by early April but he did not know if that was realistic. The U.S. Congress has promised to vote on any agreed package as a whole, without amendment, and a debate is expected that will be sharper as November elections come closer.

Inflation in Germany Is Highest in a Decade

By Ferdinand Protzman
New York Times Service
BONN — Western Germany's inflation rate climbed to its highest level of the past decade in 1991, averaging 3.5 percent, the government statistics office said Thursday. Economists predicted inflation would continue to rise this year, making any significant lowering of Germany's record high interest rates unlikely.

The statistics office said the 1991 rate was the highest since an average of 4.6 percent in 1981. Germany's inflation rate averaged 2.7 percent in 1990 and 2.8 percent in 1989. The inflation rate for December was revised upward, to 4.2 percent from 4.1 percent.

Those inflation levels would not cause undue concern in most major industrial nations. But in Germany, where the hyperinflation following World War I is indelibly stamped on the national psyche, they are seen as alarming and demanding monetary-policy action.

CURRENCY RATES

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Californians Set to Challenge European Olive Oil Imports

By Florence Fabricant
New York Times Service
ST. HELENA, California — When Californians talk about varietals, harvests and pressing these days, they may have olives, not grapes, in mind.

"With olive oil, we are exactly where we were with wine in the 1960s," said Darrell Corti, an owner of Corti Brothers, a wine and food company in Sacramento that has been selling California olive oils for several years.

There certainly is a niche, considering that 100,000 tons of olive oil was imported into the United States in 1990. Most of this oil was inexpensive, was refined with heat and chemicals and carried the "pure" designation.

But there also was plenty of the top-of-the-line, unrefined "extra-virgin" variety, costing from \$10 to \$40 a liter.

There are no exact figures for total U.S. production of olive oil, but it is doubtful that it exceeded 200 tons last year. Yet there are now more than a dozen brands being made in California.

The California oils are all cold-pressed extra-virgin oils, designed to compete with the European imports.

Herald Tribune advertisement for living in the U.S., now printed in New York for same day delivery in key cities. Includes phone number 1-800-882-2884.

MARKET DIARY

New Highs on Street As Cash Pours In

NEW YORK — U.S. blue chip stock Thursday pursued their off-again march to record highs as retail and institutional investors poured more cash into the market.

Eugene Peroni, chief technical analyst at Janney Montgomery Scott, said the high volume indicated that money continued to pour into stocks.

DOLLAR: Sudden Buying Spree

Very nervous about being short at these levels and some real underlying demand for the dollar has appeared.

point to stop the dollar, unless it gets out of hand," said Scott Pardee, chairman of Yamaichi International (America) Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The Bundesbank on Dec. 19 raised its key Lombard rate half a percentage point to 9.75 percent.

Jobs: Unemployment Rate Understates Real Number

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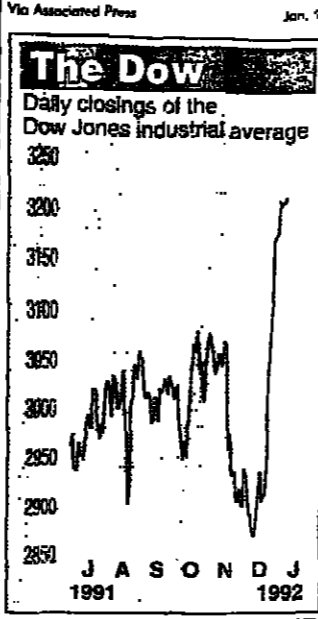


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Swiss Bank Buying Futures Firm In Chicago as Part of U.S. Expansion

BASEL, Switzerland (Reuters) — Swiss Bank Corp. said Wednesday it was buying the Chicago options and futures firm O'Connor Partners as part of a plan to expand its U.S. securities business.

United Parcel to Buy Beemsterboer

ATLANTA (Reuters) — United Parcel Service said Thursday it had agreed to acquire the Dutch shipping firm Beemsterboer as part of its plan to set up a fully integrated distribution network in Europe.

Citibank Sells Saudi Bank Interest

NEW YORK (AP) — Citibank said Thursday it had sold a 10 percent interest in the Saudi American Bank, or Samba, to two social welfare agencies in Saudi Arabia.

Morgan Lifts Quarterly Profit 40%

NEW YORK (AP) — J.P. Morgan & Co., the fourth-largest U.S. banking concern, reported Thursday that its profit rose 40.8 percent in the fourth quarter and 14 percent for all of 1991.

U.S. Judge Defers BCCI Plea Offer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The failed Bank of Credit & Commerce International offered a guilty plea to federal racketeering charges Thursday. A federal judge deferred a decision on whether to approve the plea agreement, including forfeiture of all of BCCI's U.S. assets.

Advanced Micro Posts Record Profit

SAN JOSE, California (AP) — Advanced Micro Devices Inc. reported Thursday a record profit for the fourth quarter and for 1991, citing sales of its coprocessor chips that broke Intel Corp.'s monopoly.

For the Record

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service designated 6.9 million acres of Northwest forest critical to the survival of the northern spotted owl and predicted efforts to save the bird would cost about 33,000 jobs.

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# American Offers Business Class in U.S.

## New Service on New York-to-Los Angeles Route Aims to Increase Revenue

**By Agis Salpukas**  
*New York Times Service*  
**NEW YORK** — In an effort to extend a concept long familiar on international flights, American Airlines says that on Feb. 4 it will begin offering business-class service on flights between New York and Los Angeles.

The idea, which the airline said would increase revenue, comes at a tough time for the industry, as companies are seeking to cut travel costs.

It appeared that the move was designed at least partly to make more room in first class and that it would come at the expense of passengers with frequent-flyer miles who wished to upgrade their tickets.

Michael W. Gunn, American's senior vice president of marketing, said that often more passengers wanted to fly first class than could be provided for and that such seats were sometimes taken by passengers who had upgraded their frequent-flyer miles.

Fliers will no longer be able to upgrade to first class, but can do so to business class. Although Trans World Airlines Inc. has had such a class on its transcontinental flights, it has been more the result of shifting planes with

such seats from international service to domestic service in the off-peak season.

American, with nine daily flights from John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City to Los Angeles, is the largest carrier on the route. Other carriers, like United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, TWA and MGM Grand Air, offer daily flights but less frequently.

United already offers business class on about 100 of its domestic flights from six cities around the United States, including from Chicago to Los Angeles, from Chicago to San Francisco, and from Dulles International Airport outside Washington to Los Angeles and to San Francisco.

Lynn Martenstein, United's vice president of corporate communications, said that as of Feb. 1, the airline would offer such service on 149 of its domestic flights and that it had planned to add the class on flights between New York and Los Angeles.

Under the new configuration of a fleet of McDonnell Douglas DC-10 airplanes, American will offer 28 first-class seats, 52 new business-class seats and 157 coach seats.

Historically, the configuration has been 34 first-class seats and 256 coach seats. The first-class class fare from New York to Los Angeles is \$1,288 one way and the full

coach fare is \$752 one way. The new business-class fare has been \$901 one way on a trial basis for several months, as American tested the service. The carrier said it might raise the fare to \$998 when the service began.

Business class will essentially provide better food, wider adjustable seats in a separate section, as well as separate bathrooms from coach. Each seat would have its own video system, where one can watch movies.

American will also have exclusive check-in counters for business-class fliers.

Mr. Gunn and Donald J. Carty, American's executive vice president of finance and planning, said that even with fewer total seats, the new fare class would still increase revenue, since all first-class passengers would be paying full fare and a further 52 seats would be available at the higher business-class price.

Mr. Gunn conceded that it would take time to get business fliers used to the service. "We will not overnight create a U.S. business class market," he said. "I think we will build it."

But he added that it was a logical extension of business-class service on international flights, where it has been a money maker for airlines.

# AMEX

**Thursday's Closing**  
Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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Can MITI Really Help Washington?

By Paul Blustein
Washington Post Service
TOKYO — The trade measures that Japan presented to the United States this week marked an important shift in Tokyo's policy...

The approach might be characterized as a kind of Japanese affirmative action program for imports, with an especially affirmative tilt toward American products.
It is based on the premise — which U.S. trade negotiators share — that Tokyo has largely eliminated tariffs and other such legal and bureaucratic obstacles...

Behind that statement lies the reality that MITI enjoys far less clout today than it did in its golden age of the 1950s and 1960s, when it helped to mastermind Japan's economic rebirth as an exporting superpower.
Because MITI's power has diminished, the stage could be set for a major disappointment, in which corporate Japan appears the United States temporarily with a lot of pretty-sounding promises about its intention to change...

Colony Opens Further To Immigrant Labor

HONG KONG — The government announced plans Thursday to almost double the number of foreign workers allowed into Hong Kong, to ease an acute labor shortage.
But labor leaders, who say foreigners will undercut local workers' wages, felt otherwise and six members of the Legislative Council walked out of a briefing by Mr. Chan in protest.
The plan covers technicians, craftsmen and supervisors, most of whom are likely to come from South China. But it is separate from domestic helpers, mainly from the Philippines, who number about 70,000.

Investor's Asia
Table with columns: Exchange, Index, Thursday Close, Prev. Close, % Change. Includes data for Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, etc.

Honda Cuts 1992 Profit Forecasts

TOKYO — Honda Motor Co. has lowered both its parent and group profit forecasts for this year because of sharply lower domestic demand and a delay in the U.S. economic recovery, the Japanese automaker announced Thursday.
The forecast of parent-company pretax profit for the year ending March 31 was lowered to 63.2 billion yen (\$508 million) from 73.2 billion yen. The new figure represents a drop of 23.6 percent from the previous year. The company expects 1991-92 parent sales of 2.92 trillion yen, down slightly from its earlier forecast and up from sales of 2.8 trillion yen in 1990-91.

rising sales costs. But the news was surprising because Honda had already decided to cut car production.
"We didn't think the company needed to go that far. It shows that Honda is being very cautious about future prospects," Mr. Nishiyama said.
Three months ago, Honda raised profit outlook for 1991-92, supported by a firm performance in the first half of the year, said Masayuki Mochizuki, industry analyst at W.I. Carr (Overseas) Ltd.

Sony Disk Plant U.S. Disk Plant

INDIANAPOLIS — A subsidiary of Sony Corp. has said it will build a new plant in Indiana to produce mini disks, a miniature version of compact audio disks, and other products.
Digital Audio Disc Corp., whose existing operation in Terre Haute produces about one of every three compact disks sold in the United States, will create about 100 jobs by the end of the year for the production of the new-format disks as well as read-only-memory compact disks, or CD-ROMs, Chairman James Frische said Wednesday.
Sony will introduce hardware for mini disks during the second half of the fiscal year, Mr. Frische said. The disks, which are not compatible with existing CD players, will hold about 74 minutes of music and will enable users to record on them.

Chung, Hyundai Founder, To Unveil Political Party

SEOUL — The founder and former chairman of the Hyundai business group, Chung Ju Yong, was scheduled to launch Friday a new political party, the Unification and Democratic Party.
Mr. Chung said he was founding the party "to save the nation from total crisis" and was "determined to sever the secret chain of command, interlocking business and political parties" to enable South Korean entrepreneurs to work independent of political pressure.
Analysts said there were many potential conflicts of interest between his business group, which is known as a chaebol, and his political party, as well as with the sources of funding necessary to run his own party.
The 76-year-old Mr. Chung is credited for contributing to South Korea's industrialization. Although he officially retired from Hyundai at the end of 1991, Mr. Chung still involves himself with the group's new business projects.
President Roh Tae Woo recently ordered the authorities to prepare measures to prevent any unreported outflow of funds from South Korean businesses to political parties.

Very briefly:
Forte PLC, responding to media reports that it might bid for Hong Kong's Regent International hotel chain, said it would like "to have a look" but had no specific plans for a bid.
Taiwan's dollar inched up to a record high of 25.135 to the U.S. dollar despite the central bank's credit-easing measures.
China's foreign trade, measured on a basis that counts as imports some items that are not counted by other nations, grew 17.5 percent in 1991 to \$135.7 billion, with a surplus of \$8.1 billion, official media said.
Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional Bhd. of Malaysia will invest 600 million ringgit (\$222 million) to upgrade its plant and make a new model car.
Nippon Sanso KK has purchased Tri Gas Inc., a Texas-based industrial gas producer, for \$90 million.

CanWest Buys Australian TV Stake

AUCKLAND — The Canadian television broadcaster CanWest Global Communications Corp. said Thursday that it had completed a deal to buy 20 percent of a struggling New Zealand broadcaster, TV3 Network. Terms were not disclosed.
TV3 broke the stranglehold of New Zealand's two state channels when it began operating at the end of 1989 with a menu of lowbrow programs, but it entered receivership in May, 1990, burdened by poor revenue and high start-up costs. The NBC Broadcasting unit of General Electric Co. of the United States owned 15 percent of the station but later bailed out.

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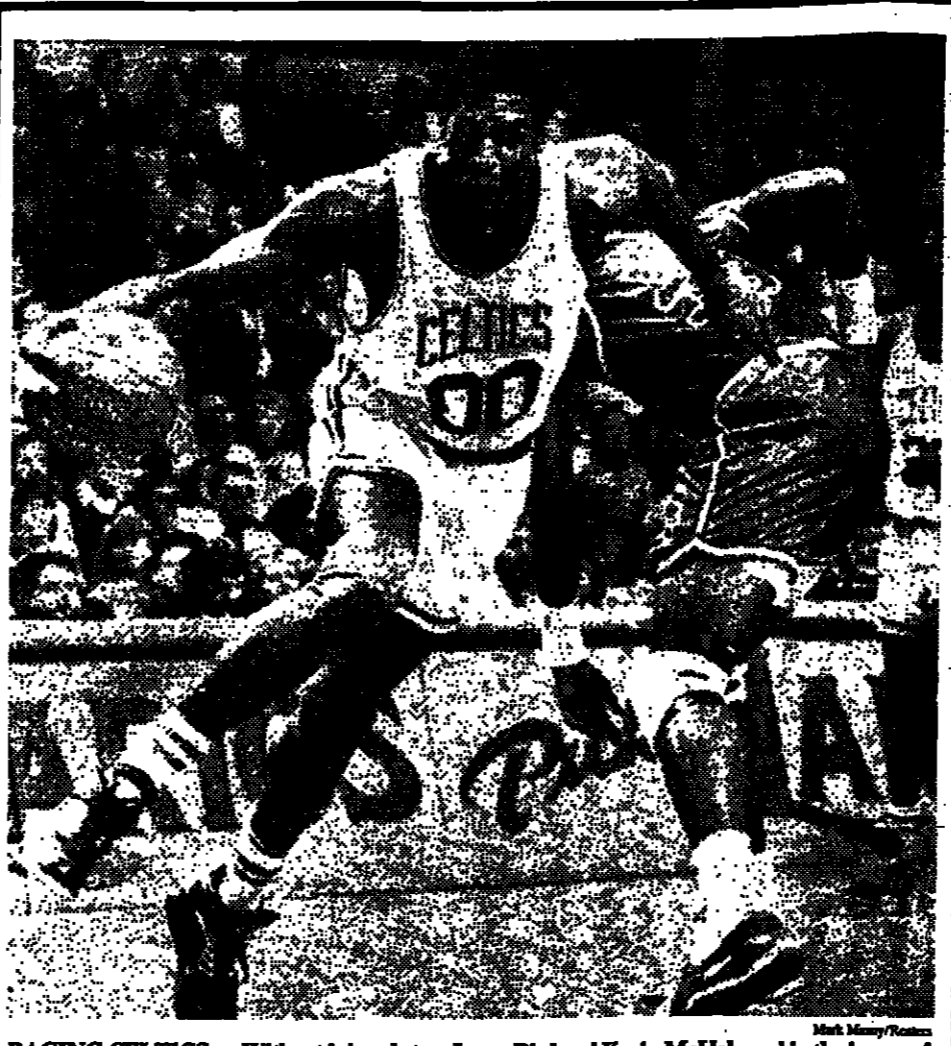
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SPORTS

Seaver's Last Great Number

Lopsided Hall of Fame Vote Leaves Him 'Speechless'

By Joe Sexton
NEW YORK — Tom Seaver said he thought he was past the point where statistics could take his breath away. As a pitcher, after all, he had compiled some fairly incredible numbers of his own.



RAGING CELTICS — Without injured stars Larry Bird and Kevin McHale and in the image of Robert Parish, charging past Patrick Ewing, the Celtics stunned New York, 99-95, in Boston.

SIDELINES

Pebble Beach Ends Membership Bid

SAN JOSE, California (AP) — The debt-ridden Pebble Beach Co. has withdrawn its request for approval to sell six-figure memberships to its golf course, saying it will try a different tack.

Angels' Harvey Is Richest Reliever

NEW YORK (NYT) — Bryan Harvey, who has played only three full seasons in the major leagues, has become the highest-paid relief pitcher ever.

Japanese Interest in Mariners Cited

SEATTLE (Combined Dispatches) — Japanese investors have come under fire for buying golf courses, Rockefeller Center and bits of Hollywood, and Japanese now may purchase another piece of America — a major league baseball team.

For 2d Straight Year, Pitt Sours Syracuse's 10-Game Streak

The Associated Press
For four straight seasons, Syracuse has started out with at least 10 straight victories. And for the second time, the streak has been stopped by Pittsburgh.

made a layup that apparently put Arkansas (12-3) ahead with seven seconds left. But Day was called for changing into Sprewell and the basket was disallowed.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

season victories ended when Antelope Hardaway scored 26 points to lead Memphis State at home.

Runner Krabbe Denies Drug Charge

HAMBURG (AP) — The world champion sprinter Katrin Krabbe on Thursday was quoted as flatly denying allegations that she took performance-enhancing drugs, calling them "an outrage."

For the Record

Ray Wilsey was elevated on Thursday from defensive coordinator to head coach of the World League of American Football champion London Monarchs.

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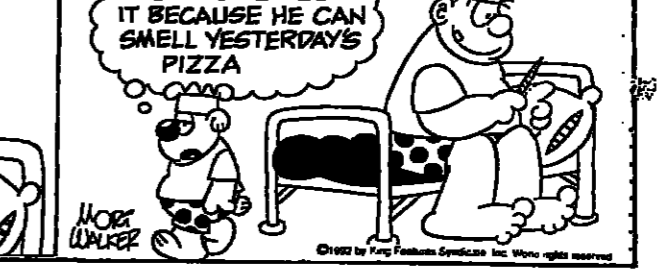
BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott
THE reader can judge whether East, the husband, was entitled to scream at West, the wife, on the diagrammed deal.

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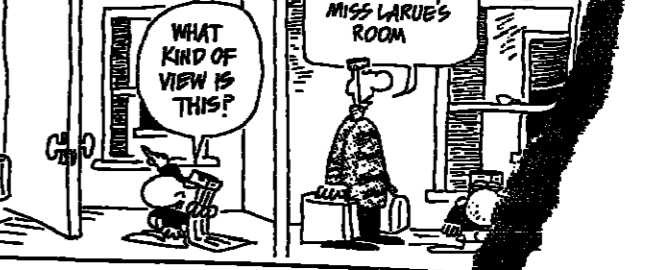
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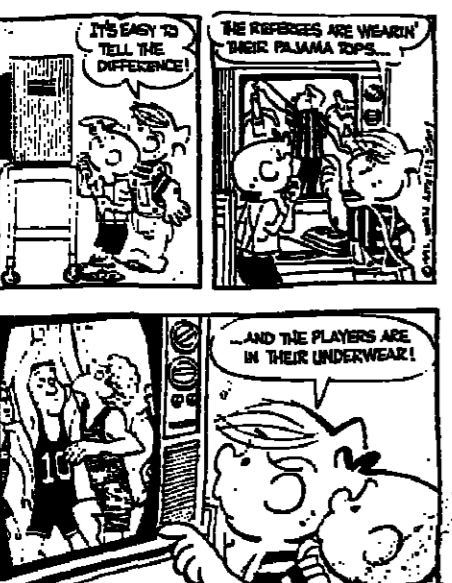
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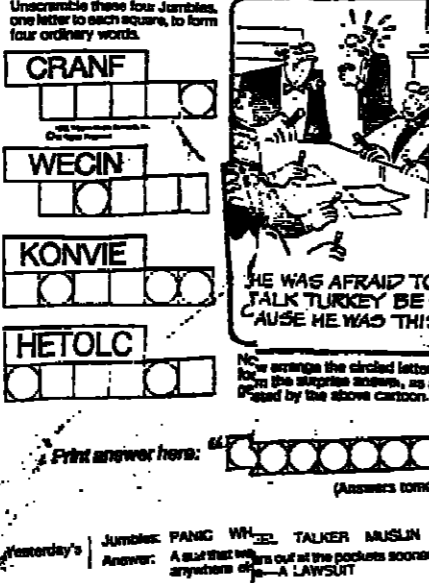
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SPORTS

This Time, Bucs 'Jilt' Parcels

By Frank Litsky
NEW YORK — In a terse statement that sounded like a spanking, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers announced that Bill Parcells would not be their new coach.



Chuck Knox, 14 years later, is getting another shot with the Rams.

head coach, that he did not feel he was ready to return to coaching. That ended his current consideration of coaching options until he surprisingly reopened talks with the Buccaneers this week.

The 'Thumbs Up' Lions Keep Beating the Odds

By Mike Freeman
Washington Post Service
PONTIAC, Michigan — Here, "Thumbs Up" has come to mean something words can hardly describe. Detroit Lions players find it difficult to define what Thumbs Up means, exactly. It has so many connotations. But it is safe to say that, in essence, Thumbs Up means courage. And pride.

tackle Jerry Ball, the linebacker Mike Cofer and the quarterback Rodney Peete. Ball was voted to the Pro Bowl and played in 13 games this year, but was sidelined after suffering a knee injury in the game against the New York Jets. It was thought that the loss of Ball, the Lions' major run stopper, would allow Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys to run wild against the Lions in the NFC divisional game last Sunday. But the Cowboys did not score a touchdown, and Smith was relatively controlled with 80 yards on 15 carries.

"I can only say that we've been through a lot," said the tackle Lomas Brown, a Pro Bowl starter this year for the first time in his seven-year career. "That's what makes us getting this far that much better. This has been an incredible season for us."

Said Barry Sanders after the victory: "They played their hearts out for Mike Uley. Mike, if you're listening, God bless you. There's no question that what happened to Mike changed the perspective of everyone on this team," said Spielman. "People don't take football or their lives for granted anymore."

The Lions have fought a number of injuries, and it is almost a miracle that they are just one step from the Super Bowl.

Uley, 25, was paralyzed from the chest down when he fell on his head during Detroit's 21-10 victory over the Rams on Nov. 17. He was paralyzed against a rookie defensive lineman, David Rooker, on the first play of the fourth quarter.

The Strange Week of Redskins' Williams

Former Lion Prepares to Face a Winning Team That He Had Left a Loser

By Richard Justice
Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — It has been a strange week for Eric Williams. Having spent the first six years of his National Football League career with the Detroit Lions, having never played for a winning team and having more than five games only twice, Williams was convinced the Lions either did not care about winning or were not smart enough to win.

He wore a cap with the words "Thumbs Up Mike," a tribute to Mike Uley, the offensive lineman whose paralyzing injury became an emotional rallying point for the Lions. Williams remembered Fontes, who went from the role of assistant coach to head coach "and made it seem as natural as breathing."

Lions had "no class" and were "lying" to him about the trade. He did not stop there. "This thing wasn't handled the way a class organization would handle something," he said. "I don't argue with the trade because that's part of this business, and it's the profession I've chosen. But I'm a man of my word, and when someone lies to me, I don't like it."



Emilio Sanchez serving Thursday as he ousted Thomas Muster, reaching the semifinals in Sydney.

No. 3 Forget Powers Past Krickstein

SYDNEY — Guy Forget of France, the defending champion, outgunned Aaron Krickstein of the United States on Thursday to advance to the semifinals of the New South Wales Open.

NCAA Panel Tightens Academic Standards

By Mark Asher
Washington Post Service
ANAHEIM, California — Division I delegates to the 86th National Collegiate Athletic Association convention have overwhelmingly passed a package designed to improve graduation rates and the public's perception of big-time college sports.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

Table with NBA Standings and Eastern/Western Conference results. Columns include team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

HOCKEY

Table with NHL Standings and various league results. Columns include team names, wins, losses, and goals.

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Table with World Series Cup and Test Match results. Columns include team names, runs, and wickets.

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OBSERVER

Boat and Bridge People

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Flu-smitten and oozing self-pity, I watched in deepening depression as the Washington Redskins disposed of a football team called the Atlanta Falcons. The depression had nothing to do with the game, except that the game reminded me of a campaign ad to rename the Redskins.

ago when I discovered that the center of evil Red Chinese Communism, which I had long called Peking, had long since become Beijing.

My reaction to learning that Ceylon had become Sri Lanka was even more pronounced. For years I had dreamed of visiting Ceylon. It sounded like such a beautiful place. Then suddenly it was Sri Lanka.

That did it. Thereafter when people asked, "How would you like to see Sri Lanka?" I replied, "Couldn't we settle for Atlantic City?"

The pressure to rename the Washington Redskins comes from people we used to call Indians. There's a move to rename them too, but on grounds of logic I refuse to buckle to pressure to call them "native Americans."

For one thing, I am also a native American but not an Indian. For another, the people whom Europeans later called Indians were here long before Amerigo Vesputi put America on the map.

Since the so-called Indians are thought to have come over an ancient land bridge from Asia, it would be more logical to call them Bridge People. Objections that this is too flippant for delicate modern ears are overcome simply by renaming the national European- and African-root population. Make them "Boat People."

This solution will end the difficulties black people keep having in the renaming exercises. Those who specialize in the subject have lately split into two groups: those who prefer "African-Americans" and the other preferring "people of color."

The trouble with "African-Americans" is that it dilutes their American credentials which, in most cases, are much older than most white Americans. As for "people of color," what is it but a pompous way of saying "colored people?" "Boat People" and "Bridge People" tell the story truly, which is probably not where the fun lies in this kind of thing.

As for "Redskins" Offensive to Bridge People. Rename them Washington "Bureaucrats," some say. Offending government workers is always safe.

New York Times Service

Underground Art in London

By Steven Prokesch

LONDON — If subway systems are the measure, London is undeniably a much more civilized city than New York.

It is not just the much lower rate of violent crime on the Underground, or tube, and the color-coded map that is a delight to foreign visitors.

The clincher is the poems. Sandwiched between posters warning riders to be alert for Irish Republican Army bombs and advertisements for whisky, supermarkets and packaged holidays are verses whose only purpose is to melt the everydayness encasing and numbing the urban soul.

There are poems by bards of old like Chaucer, Shakespeare and Keats; by modern greats like Yeats, Auden, William Carlos Williams and Seamus Heaney; and by those now struggling to make their names known.

The six-year-old Poems on the Underground program may seem quaint and old-fashioned but its roots are in New York City, that is where Judith Chernaik was born and raised. She is a novelist who has lived in London since 1972 and who occasionally has visions that call her to action.

In the mid-1980s, she said, "I began to see poems on the tube."

It was the heyday of Thatcherism when the British government was dismantling socialism and arguing that people had to fend for themselves.

"There was a shift from public to private in language and actuality," Chernaik said. "There was a feeling something terrible was happening to culture, to public services."

Two British friends who are writers, Gerard Benson and Cioely Herbert, were taken with her idea for poems on the tube. They are members of the Barrow Poets, a group of poets and musicians dedicated to popularizing poetry who have performed in Britain and North America. "Poetry has been hijacked by professors and locked up by libraries," Benson lamented.

With help from Britain's government-supported Arts Council and book publishers and some free spaces donated by the Underground, the three turned Chernaik's vision into reality.

Riders responded so enthusiastically that the Underground decided three years ago to foot most of the bill. Printing and designing the posters cost about £10,000 (about \$18,700) a year.

Riders can now be found memorizing sonnets, sharing Coleridge's soliloquy in "Frost at Midnight" or taking heart from "Sometimes," a work about how sometimes things go right that was written by Sheenagh Pugh, a relatively unknown British poet in her early 40s.

More than 23,000 copies of "100 Poems on the Underground," a collection published in late September, have been sold.



For six years, Judith Chernaik has sprinkled London subway trains with poems.

Riders also regularly steal posters — to Chernaik's delight. "They really have to love the poem," she said. "It doesn't matter since extras are printed."

Every four months, Herbert, Benson and Chernaik choose five poems or excerpts, which are posted in 4,000 spaces on trains.

They try to select a wide range from a variety of periods and countries, although the poster's size, roughly 24 by 11 inches (60 by 28 centimeters), and the 15-minute duration of an average subway trip impose limits.

For commuters seeking a scapegoat for their tedious lot, lines from the expulsion from Eden in Milton's "Paradise Lost" have reminded them of the original culprit. For escapists, there is almost always something light like Edward Lear's:

There was an Old Man with a beard,  
Who said, "It is just as I feared!  
Two Owls and a Hen,  
Four Larks and a Wren,  
Have all built their nests in my beard!

Some American poems like a sonnet about bygone lovers by Edna St. Vincent Millay have been well received. But Walt Whitman "didn't seem to speak to people here," Chernaik said. "I don't know why."

Other transit systems, including Dublin's and Stuttgart's, have followed London's with poetry programs. Chernaik has discussed the idea with Gammet Transit, which sells advertising for New York's subway system and bus shelters.

"We want to do it," Joan Davidson, vice president of public affairs at Gammet, said in a telephone interview from New York. "We just have to figure out who's going to pay for it. A big part of what we're trying to do is to change the negative perception people have of subways."

Will Americans be receptive? Chernaik worries that too many consider poetry to be elitist or obscure. "You don't get that in England," she said. "There's a great deal of pride in the language and the continuity of the language here."

PEOPLE

Enroll for Presley 101

Elvis Presley aficionados may want to strap on their blue suede shoes and head for the University of Iowa, where a former Upstate finance official plans to teach a course this spring on the King of Rock 'n' Roll.

Professor Peter Francis Joseph Nazareth, whose wife's name is Mary, said he has admired Presley's music since 1956 and has 120 Elvis records and 35 singles as well as 100 records representing artists from whom Presley incorporated songs, inflections, rhythms and other characteristics into his style.

Presley died in August 1977. Wednesday would have been his 57th birthday. "I was buying Elvis and listening all the way from 1957. I never stopped even during the lousy times," said Nazareth, who said he once was a senior finance officer to the deposed dictator Idi Amin. Nazareth said he had been thinking about teaching a course about Presley since 1958 — and he takes his topic very seriously. "Everything I've taught is serious. My classes are always alive. It's not a joke. They [students] will write long papers for me," he said. Nazareth said he first came to the United States in 1973 on a scholarship to Yale. Later that year he was invited to the University of Iowa and has been there ever since.

The actor Christopher Reeve plans to marry his girlfriend this summer. Reeve, 39, best known for playing the title role in the "Superman" movies, will marry Dana Morosini, a 30-year-old singer and actress, on June 30. It will be five years to the day that they met each other, said a spokeswoman. It will be Reeve's first marriage. He has two children from a relationship with Gae Eddon, a former model.

A former executive in Loona Helmsley's hotel empire charged in a lawsuit that she ordered him fired after learning he had cancer. Peter Herren, a former vice president of the New York Helmsley Hotel, is seeking more than \$1 million. The 64-year-old Herren said that he was fired in October, two days after telling a Helmsley deputy that he had thyroid cancer. Howard Rubenstein, a Helmsley spokesman, said Herren was fired "for business reasons. She had absolutely no information that he was ill."

Katherine Dunham, who won the National Medal of Arts for her innovative work in African and Caribbean dance, donated costumes and other memorabilia to the Missouri Historical Society. "After touring for about 50 of my 83 years, I have found that it's no good keeping things shut up in trunks and baskets and that sort of thing," she said. The society's president, Robert R. Archibald, said the gift includes about 300 costumes and 400 boxes of documents and artifacts.

Michael Jackson has accepted a government invitation to perform in Islamic Pakistan, but opposition by religious leaders may be a threat to the concert. Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, minister of culture and sports, said the concert had been tentatively set for April 14 in the eastern city of Lahore, the country's cultural center. But he said threats by religious leaders to close airports and organize street protests could force Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to rescind the offer.

George McFarland can still call himself "Spanky" but does not hold the rights to the image of the chubby, beanie-clad smart aleck he played in the "Little Rascals" and "Our Gang" series. In Trenton, New Jersey, Judge Clarkson Fisher tossed out McFarland's lawsuit against Joseph Miller, an Ocean Township, New Jersey, businessman whose tavern, Spanky McFarland's, was lined with "Little Ras-

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